

**Committee on Equal Opportunities  
Council on Postsecondary Education  
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**Status: *Statewide Diversity Planning and Support Programs***

*The following information focuses on diversity activities and initiatives since the Committee on Equal Opportunities met October 17, 2011.*

Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program Statewide Conference: Planning is underway for the 12<sup>TH</sup> Annual GMSCPP Statewide Conference, to be hosted by the University of Louisville at the Belknap campus, June 5-6, 2012.

GMSCPP Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference (formerly known as the Academically Proficient African American High School Junior and Senior Conference): The 25<sup>TH</sup> Annual Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference will be hosted by Western Kentucky University, June 15-16, 2012, in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Student and parent notification and conference planning is underway.

Lumina Foundation Grant Awarded to Address Latino Student Success: The Lumina Foundation awarded Bluegrass Community and Technical College a grant focusing on Latino Student Success. The grant will create the Kentucky Latino Education Alliance (K'LEA). This initiative is led by BCTC, with support from the Council on Postsecondary Education, as well as partners from six major sectors (K-12, Higher Education, Workforce, Policy, Community Based Organizations, and Latino Serving Organizations).

**2012 University of Kentucky Engineers Day Open House:** The Engineers Day Open House was held on the University of Kentucky's central campus, February 25, 2012. Contests, demonstrations and lab viewings were presented to students from across the state. Two GMSCPP programs participated in the event: University of Kentucky and Somerset Community College.

SREB Doctoral Scholars Program: Planning for the fall 2012 Teaching and Mentoring Institute took place during a meeting of the state Doctoral Scholars Regional Advisory Committee, January 26-27, 2012. The Teaching and Mentoring Institute will be held October 2012, and is designed for scholars currently supported by the Kentucky Doctoral Scholars Program. The Kentucky program is implemented collaboratively by the Council, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville to help students complete the doctorate more quickly and to encourage them to go into the professoriate.

As of January 19, 2011, 137 students are currently matriculating at Kentucky institutions, 33 percent of these students are in the STEM areas, and there are 56 graduates.

CPE Meeting Dates: The CPE meeting dates for 2012 are: April 19-20, June 20-21, September 13-14 (Governor's Conference on Trusteeship), and November 15-16.

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